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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR INDICATING
THAT DURATIONS ARE ESTIMATED

Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132

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Sir:

I, Brett A. Bentsen, declare and state that:

1. I am a joint inventor of the above identified application, and I am an employee of Microsoft Corporation of Redmond, WA, which is the assignee of the above identified application.

2. In the Office Action dated October 3, 2005, the publication "Microsoft Project 2000 for Windows Product Enhancements Guide" ("the Guide") was cited against the above identified application.

3. Microsoft Corporation produced the Guide to be provided to beta testing participants along with a beta release of the Microsoft Project 2000 software ("the software").


4. The Guide describes aspects of the invention that are the subject matter of the above identified application. These aspects of the invention were implemented in the software prior to November 1, 1999.

5. All beta testing participants for the software were obligated under Non-Disclosure Agreements to refrain from publicly disclosing any details of the software.

6. The date printed on the Guide (October 1999) was the date when the Guide was created. The Guide was not released to the beta testing participants before November 1, 1999.

7. The Guide was not publicly known or used before November 1, 1999.

8. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.



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